

BEFORE THE  
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Petition for  
Termination of Probation of:

CHRISTOPHER C. CORNELL

License No. PSY 17894,

Petitioner.

OAH No. N2003010038

**DECISION**

This matter was heard before the Board of Psychology of the State of California in San Francisco, California, on February 7, 2003. Board members present were: Pamela Harmell, Ph.D., President; William Tan, Vice President; Jacqueline Horn, Ph.D.; Ron Ruff, Ph.D., Mary Ellen Early; William Thomas, Ph.D.; Howard Adelman, Ph.D.; and Lisa Kalustian. Michael C. Cohn, Administrative Law Judge, State of California, Office of Administrative Hearings, presided.

Petitioner Christopher C. Cornell represented himself.

David Carr, Deputy Attorney General, represented the Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General.

The matter was submitted on February 7, 2003.

**FACTUAL FINDINGS**

1. On May 8, 2000, Christopher C. Cornell, Psy.D., (petitioner) filed an application for registration to engage in psychological activities. The Board denied that application because respondent had suffered multiple criminal convictions for offenses involving the use or possession of controlled substances and alcohol. Petitioner requested a hearing and a Statement of Issues was filed. Subsequently, in Case No. X-40, petitioner and the Board entered into a stipulated settlement under which respondent's application was granted and he was issued a registration to engage in psychological activities effective October 23, 2000. The registration was immediately revoked but the revocation was stayed for three years upon probationary terms and conditions. On February 22, 2002, petitioner's license to practice psychology was issued subject to the ongoing probationary terms and conditions.

2. On October 23, 2002, petitioner filed his Petition for Termination of Probation.

3. In addition to the standard probationary terms and conditions, petitioner was required to abstain from drugs and alcohol and to submit to random biological fluid testing, to have a practice monitor who would meet with him at least one hour per week, and to pay the costs of probation monitoring. Petitioner has been in full compliance with these and all other probationary conditions. Petitioner's practice monitor reported that he has been impressed with petitioner's "professionalism and adherence with the ethical/legal standards of the profession."

4. Although the period of petitioner's probation is scheduled to run until October 2003, he has established to the satisfaction of the Board that he has rehabilitated himself to the extent that it would not be against the public interest to end that probation early.

### LEGAL CONCLUSIONS

Cause exists for early termination of petitioner's probation.

### ORDER

The petition for termination of probation is granted. The probation imposed upon petitioner Christopher C. Cornellin Case No. X-40 is terminated. Petitioner's license to practice psychology is fully restored.

DATED: March 6, 2003

DECISION EFFECTIVE: March 6, 2003



PAMELA HARMELL, Ph.D.  
President, Board of Psychology  
Department of Consumer Affairs